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GOVERNOR OTTER APPOINTS FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONERS FOR REGIONS 4 AND 7

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointments today of a Buhl businesswoman and a Challis miner to the seven-member Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

Joan Hurlock of Buhl will succeed the outgoing Region 4 commissioner, Dr. Wayne Wright of Twin Falls, representing the Magic Valley. **Will Naillon of Challis** will succeed the outgoing Region 7 commissioner, Gary Power of Salmon, representing the Salmon Region. Both Hurlock and Naillon will begin four-year terms July 1 and must be confirmed by the Idaho Senate when it convenes in January 2013.

Hurlock, the daughter of a game warden, is a former forensic chemist for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' Explosives and Arson Unit, and a former member of the United States Capitol Police in Washington, D.C. She has owned and operated The Body Works fitness center in Buhl since 2002, and has been active in various civic, business, education and sportsman organizations in the Magic Valley.

"I am excited, thrilled, honored. I hope to do a good job for the state of Idaho and the Magic Valley," Hurlock said. "I'm now looking forward to being an advocate for getting our youth more involved in hunting, fishing and the great outdoors in Idaho."

Naillon, a Salmon native and fifth-generation Custer County miner, has worked for Hecla Mining Co.'s Grouse Creek Unit for 18 years – most recently as an environmental operations technician. He has been active in hunting, fishing, trapping, hunter and trapper education, and is a member of the Boone and Crockett Club, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Central Idaho Rod and Gun Club.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent Region 7 and the state of Idaho, and I'm excited to be working to keep Idaho among the top states in the country for outdoor recreation," Naillon said. "I also want to thank all those from throughout the state who have expressed support for me in seeking this appointment."

"Both these fine individuals have shown a great passion for and commitment to the protection and effective management of Idaho's fish and wildlife resources for future generations," Governor Otter said. "They understand and embrace the challenge of addressing sometimes contentious issues. Just as importantly, they have demonstrated the ability to work effectively and collaboratively with diverse groups and individuals toward achieving shared goals. I appreciate their civic virtue and willingness to take on this new responsibility."

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